

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0054

Title: Revise youth court act

Primary

Sponsor: Mike Halligan

Status: As introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:	\$0	\$0
Revenue:	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
X		Included in the Executive Budget	X		Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill will require the Department of Corrections (DOC) to pay detention costs for a youth upon the point of adjudication if the juvenile correctional facilities are at capacity.
2. If the recommended expansion of the juvenile correctional facilities is approved, there will be minimal detention stays. Since the bill provides for emergency authority, the fiscal impact to the DOC is not Measurable. However, the costs would be absorbed within the expanded juvenile placement budget.
3. In cases of juvenile assault on correctional staff, this bill may result in additional prosecution costs for the juvenile facilities. It is assumed that this cost is minimal and will be absorbed within the existing facility budgets.
4. This bill may increase the number of juveniles convicted in district court, which may increase the length of incarceration. However, the bill also allows for a judge to reduce individual sentences prior to the

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offender turning 21. It is assumed that this potential increased population will be managed through the expansion of the Pine Hills, with no fiscal impact to the DOC beyond the cost of the facility expansion.

5. This bill will no longer allow the practice of determinate sentencing (MCA 41-5-1513 (c) is deleted). This will result in a minimal cost saving to the DOC, offset by the other minimal increased costs.